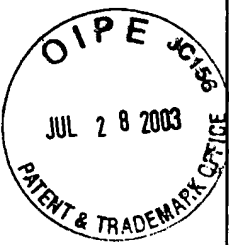


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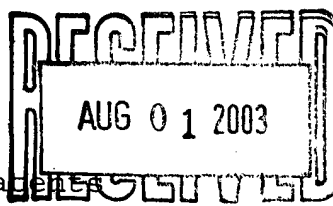
Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONVERSION OF DIRECTLY-
ASSIGNED FORMAT ATTRIBUTES TO STYLES IN A DOCUMENT

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REQUEST TO AMEND TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN PRIORITY CLAIM

Dear Sir:

A foreign priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) was made in the declaration filed with the above application. Enclosed Exhibit A (3 pages) is a true copy of the declaration as filed on February 15, 2001 by Express Mail. The priority claim was to European Patent Office Applications No. 00116614.9 and 00103172.3.

A certified copy of European Patent Office Patent Applications No. 00116614.9 and 00103172.3 was filed on July 14, 2003 using a certificate of mailing.

A review of the priority claim to European Patent Office Patent Application No. 00116614.9 showed that a typographical error was made in the priority date given in Exhibit A. The date in the declaration was August 4, 2000. The correct filing date for European Patent Office Patent Application No. 00116614.9 is August 1, 2000. Applicants note that the serial number for the EPO Patent Application was properly

stated and so the priority date is the date of the application. Applicants submit that the typographical error should not affect the priority claim since the application was properly identified by the serial number and foreign patent office.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the typographical error in the priority date for European Patent Office Patent Application No. 00116614.9 be changed to reflect the correct filing date of August 1, 2000. Applicants also note that this change has no effect on the earliest priority claim to European Patent Office Patent Application No. 00103172.3.

If a petition is required to have this paper considered and/or to have the foreign priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) granted, Applicants hereby petition to have the priority claim to European Patent Office Patent Application No. 00103172.3 filed on February 16, 2000 and to European Patent Office Patent Application No. 00116614.9 filed on August 1, 2000 entered in the above application.

In particular, Applicants claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of European Patent Office Patent Application No. 00103172.3 filed on February 16, 2000 and to European Patent Office Patent Application No. 00116614.9 filed on August 1, 2000.

Applicants' attorney states the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(1) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and the date the above claim was filed was unintentional.

If the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.117(t) is required for consideration of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-0553 the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.117(t) as well as any other fees that may be required for consideration of this paper.

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If there are any questions concerning this paper, or if the decision is other than entry of this paper, the Commissioner's representative is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 24, 2003.


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EXHIBIT A

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of subject matter (process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or an improvement thereof) which is claimed and for which a patent is sought by way of the application entitled "A System and Method for Conversion of Directly-Assigned Format Attributes to Styles in a Document" which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ and is amended by the Preliminary Amendment attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____

as Application Serial No. _____

☐ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims of the application entitled "A System and Method for Conversion of Directly-Assigned Format Attributes to Styles in a Document", as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

00116614.9 (Number)	European Patent Office (Country)	04/August/2000 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
00103172.3 (Number)	European Patent Office (Country)	16/February/2000 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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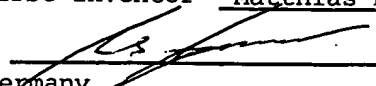
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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